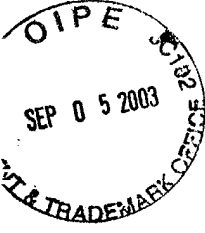


Express Mail Label No.: EL991157915US
Date of Deposit: September 5, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 21465-501 CIP2



RECEIVED
SEP 09 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jonathan M. Rothberg, et al.
ASSIGNEE: CuraGen Corporation
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/814,338 EXAMINER: Young J. Kim
FILING DATE: March 21, 2001 ART UNIT: 1637
FOR: METHOD OF SEQUENCING A NUCLEIC ACID

MAIL STOP: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
AUGUST 18, 2003**

In response to the August 18, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), RCE fee, and a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. While Applicants believe that no additional fees are required, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit the undersigned Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21465-501-CIP2, for any additional fees needed. With the RCE submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and entry and consideration of this Amendment in the application.

Amendment

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.